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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of )  
Gill et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2652  
Application No. 10/041,786 ) Examiner: KLIMOWICZ,  
 ) William Joseph  
Filed: 01/07/2002 ) Attorney Docket No.  
For: SHIELDED EXTRAORDINARY ) HIT1P040/SJO920010087US1  
MAGNETORESISTANCE HEAD ) Date: January 14, 2004

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Signed: Erica L. Farlow

## AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2003, please enter the following amendments believed to place the claims in condition for allowance.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME: 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

The due date for filing a response within the shortened statutory period of reply was January 10, 2004. Please find attached a petition for a one month extension of time. The new due date will be February 10, 2004. For payment of the petition fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (Order No. HSJ920010087US1).

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